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School superintendent suspended by board

Superintendent of Wayne-Westland Community Schools Dr. Shelley Holt was placed on administrative leave by members of the board of education during a special meeting last Thursday at Wayne Memorial High School.

The suspension was approved by a 4-3 vote of the board members and followed a second tumultuous round of public comments which began at the regular board meeting June 17. At that meeting, attended by about 200 individuals, nearly 80 people spoke to the board members during the audience comments section of the agenda. All were critical of Holt or questioned her staffing decisions and general conduct. About 18 individuals spoke to the board during the special meeting Thursday prior to the vote to suspend Holt during an investigation of the complaints. Board Vice President Melandie Hines and trustees Carol Middel and Shawna Walker cast the dissenting votes on the suspension.

> *The board would be remiss if we did not look into the allegations made by the public.*

Police were called twice during the special meeting, first to remove Holt's attorney, Anthony Adams, who attempted to speak out of turn and ahead of several students and again to remove a woman making racially-charged remarks.

Holt made no comment and left the special meeting immediately following the vote. The investigation will be conducted by the board attorneys from Lusk and Albertson, P.C. and will be "done immediately and swiftly" according to School Board President David Cox.

Jennifer Curry, the assistant superintendent of standards, Learning and Innovation, was appointed to serve as interim superintendent.

A nine-page letter from retiring Wayne Memorial High

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Independence Day parades step off Thursday

Two of the most widely attended Independence Day parades will take place next Thursday in downtown Northville and Plymouth.

In downtown Plymouth

First in the area will be the Good Morning USA Parade which will begin at 9 a.m. in downtown Plymouth and continue down Main Street from Bode's Restaurant for about a mile and a half to Hartsough Street, just north of Ann Arbor Road.

The 70 to 80 entries in the parade will take about two hours to see said Parade Chairman Scott Keppler.

Keppler said the parade committee, part of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, spends about 11 months working on the parade and that entry forms for the event went out in February.

He was involved with the parade several years before Fred Hill chaired the event and led his well-known Briefcase Brigade to fame, even appearing in the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade. After 18 years, Hill opted to retire, and the Kiwanis Club members stepped up to continue the parade.

"I volunteered and I'm glad I did," Keppler, an attorney, said, "It's a lot of fun and it's easier to do these days than it was 25 years ago when I first volunteered."

The parade will have entries this year including crowd favorites like the Plymouth-Canton High School Marching Band, the Polish Centennial Dancers; the Fifth Michigan Regiment Band; the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps along with jugglers, stilt walkers, classic cars and a surprise visit from Santa at the end of the marchers.

Keppler said the parade is staffed by about 70 or so volunteers, some from the other two Kiwanis clubs in Plymouth and he is hoping for some help from the new Canton Kiwanis Club this year, too. "I haven't picked on them for help yet," he said.

The parade, he said, is dependent on the work of the volunteers and donations from sponsors who fund the event. Fees for police and DPW, along with other costs add up to more than $20,000 for the event, he said.

This year the Bank of Ann Arbor; Monroe Bank and Trust; Morse Dental Group; The Post Bar and Grill; Stella's; Community Financial Credit Union; Horton Plumbing; Plymouth Dental Associates; Caviston Insurance; Great Clips of Plymouth; Jazzercize; Roush Performance; Herriman and Associates; Wilcox Foundation and the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce all helped to defer the expense of the parade.

"This is a huge event and one of the favorites in Plymouth," Keppler said.

In downtown Northville

This year, the Northville 4th of July Parade is again being organized by the Northville Chamber of Commerce which took up the reins last year from the Northville Community Foundation which had been managing the event for more than a decade.

"It seemed a natural progression for us," noted Jody Humphries, the executive director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, noting that the chamber organizes several other events in the community.

The parade will line up at Northville Downs and proceed on Main Street to Cady and then down South Wing to Fairbrook back to South Center. The parade will again be announced by Lisa Barry, media personality and William Demray, DDS as has been a long tradition.

A few things will change with the parade this year, but it will remain the event nearly 20,000 people crowd the Northville streets to watch every year.

"We have changed and streamlined the judging format," Humphries said. This year all judging will take place prior to the parade and will include only Judges' Choice in the community group and business categories along with the best in the Parade Theme category. The theme this year is American Innovation, so I'm excited to see what people come up with.

"To be judged, they have to be in line and ready at 9 a.m.," Humphries said, when this year Northville Mayor Ken Roth and Chamber of Commerce board representative Sarah Thompson will make the selections. "We are going to drive them around on a golf cart to make their selections," Humphries said, "and then the winners will have a sign to display as they go down the parade route so everyone along the parade route can applaud their efforts."

The judging will rotate annually between the mayor of the City of Northville and the supervisor in Plymouth Township along with a chamber board member.

Humphries said the one change and disappointment this year was the lack of a flyover from the nearby military bases.

"They are unable to perform the flyover as they are all deployed," she said.

The Northville parade will include about 100-150 entries and feature all the traditional marching bands, church floats, civic groups, antique cars, clowns, sports mascots and other entertainment the crowds line the streets to enjoy.

New regulations limit use of holiday fireworks

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township resident Susan Bondie is a fan of the downtown Detroit fireworks display but has no tolerance for the explosives anywhere near her home.

"They're wonderful but that's where they belong," Bondie said of the fireworks over the Detroit River which Canadians also enjoy. Bondie said in addition to the noise and damage the devices produce, there are several other negative factors about them in the world of today. She said one of her concerns includes military veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder who find the noise and even the smell of fireworks a difficult situation.

Pets, too, suffer during the ignition of fireworks in local communities, added Bondie.

> *The issue generated a significant number of complaints from residents each year, particularly during the warmer months*

Bondie's concerns were obviously heard in Lansing with new state laws enacted to restrict the use of fireworks to limited times of the year, but many people are unaware that the state laws also determine the locations where fireworks are legal to use, even during prescribed times.

New state laws limit the use of fireworks to between 11 a.m. Dec. 31 and 1 a.m. on the immediately following Jan. 1; the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day between 11 a.m. and 11:45 p.m. on each of those days; June 29 to July 4 between 11 a.m. and 11:45 p.m. on each of those days; July 5 between 11 a.m. and 11:45 p.m. but only if that date is a Friday or Saturday and the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day between 11 a.m.

Most local communities in our area have also enacted local ordinances complying with the new state times making the ignition or explosion of fireworks outside the prescribed times both a state and local infraction.

Westland officials were among those to change the local fireworks ordinance in the city to align with Michigan State Firework Safety Act of 2018 which allows for more municipal control of fireworks. The issue generated a significant number of complaints from residents each year, particularly during the warmer months, according to a statement from the office of Mayor William R. Wild.

Under the old state law, the use of commercial-grade fireworks was lawful on days surrounding national holidays from 8 a.m. until midnight. There were 30 days of the year in which commercial-grade fireworks could be used. Fines for igniting or using

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Belleville -Romulus

Belleville chamber eliminates director's position

Paul Henning is no longer the executive director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce.

In a prepared statement, the chamber stated that his position had been "temporarily eliminated," in what was referred to as a re-organization.

"The Board of Directors has announced that the position of Executive Director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce has been temporarily eliminated. The Board is developing a strategic plan, and will be establishing a new position, duties, and objectives for the future within the coming months.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude and thank Mr. Paul Henning for his years of service in this position," the statement read.

Henning, a 1979 graduate of Belleville High School earned his bachelors of science degree in 1985 and of the chamber had been the executive director since taking the post in July of 2015.

"As always we would like to thank you, the members, for your continued support. The newly-elected board has a number of initiatives that are being discussed. They cannot wait to begin rolling things out to the community,

We are entering into what is being described as a "Golden Age" for the Belleville area, and the commitment from this Board is that they will be ready to usher it in," the prepared release stated.

The same statement included a notice that the chamber offices would be closed through July 7 "for summer holidays and vacations."

New hours, "we expect" will be from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, according to the release.

Romulus seeks proposals for fire house renovation

The first fire station built in the City of Romulus is about to receive a much-needed redesign and repurposing.

Developers have only until July 17 to submit proposals for work at the historic building which city officials hope can be transformed into a new restaurant or retail space. The city has already issued a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) for the work on the single-story, 3,960-square-foot building which was originally constructed in 1950 as "Fire Station #1". The structure was used by the city as a fire station until 1980 when it was repurposed for other uses. The building has not been used, according to city records, since 2012.

The "firehouse" is located at the entryway into the Romulus Downtown Development Authority (DDA) district and is near the city campus of municipal buildings, including city hall, the library and the 34th District Court. It is also near the Wayne Road/I-94 interchange, Detroit Metro Airport and a mix of commercial, industrial and residential developments, making it a highly desirable location, officials said.

"This building really is in a prime location to be a dramatic entry point into our downtown," said Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff. "We're excited to partner with a developer on a creative, new concept for this project." The city is looking for an operator with demonstrated expertise in restaurant or retail projects, according to the proposal documents.

Romulus was able to utilize unspent Community Development Block Grant Funds from Wayne County for $400,000 in property improvements at the site which included construction of a new parking lot, sidewalks, new exterior lighting and landscaping, new windows, three exterior doors, roof repairs, new gutters and new brick. All hazardous materials have been abated from the interior of the building, officials said.

"The city has high expectations of an interested developer and is hoping for a to create a high-quality, well-designed restaurant, retail or mixed use establishment that will act as a major draw in attracting both residents and non-residents to downtown Romulus," according to a prepared statement from the city. Possible incentives are available including from the city, the DDA and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, according to the prepared release.

The RFP document and specification and more information is available from the City of Romulus Purchasing Department, (734) 955-4568 or purchasing@romulus-gov.com.

Van Buren Concerts in the Park to begin July 10

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, in collaboration with the Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department, will host the township Summer Concert Series. The free concerts will take place Wednesday evenings during the month of July in the Senior Garden at Quirk Park, located behind Township Hall at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township.

The series begins Wednesday, July 10 featuring The Dan Rafferty Band playing top 40, pop and rhythm and blues.

The Blue Water Kings Band playing jazz, swing and pop will perform Wednesday, July 17, with regional favorite, 50 Amp Fuse (popular songs from the 60s to current day and rhythm and blues) concluding the mini-series on Wednesday, July 24.

Attendees are encouraged to bring picnic dinners, non-alcoholic beverages, chairs and blankets to enjoy the performances.

Concerts begin at 7 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Visitors are urged to arrive early to find a great seat with room to dance. In the event of inclement weather, the performances will be moved inside the building and notices will be posted.

More information about other summer events and improvements happening within Quirk Park, including the opening of a new playground and the largest Splash Pad in Wayne County, visit VanBuren-MI.org. To see what is going on in the business district, visit VanBurenDDA.com.

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Northville district names new special services director

A leader in implementing student focused curriculum and experienced in working with students of vast and varying needs, Elizabeth Santer has been named the new director of Special Services at Northville Public Schools. Members of the board of education unanimously approved Santer's appointment at the June 18 meeting. She succeeds Nadine Harris who will retire at the end of June after 6 years with Northville Public Schools and 38 years in education.

In her new position, Santer will be responsible for the preschool and K-12 special education programs, working in partnership with district special education supervisors, teachers, learning consultants, building principals and the Office of Instructional Services. She will also oversee the district special education center program at Cooke School, serving students from ages 2 ½ through 26 who have significant cognitive, emotional and/or multiple impairments from across Western Wayne County. The special education center program is funded by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) and operated by Northville Public Schools.

Santer was previously with the Livonia Public Schools where her 27-year tenure included responsibilities as a student services coordinator, program specialist for moderately cognitively impaired and autism spectrum disorder programs, assistant principal of Emerson Middle School and as a speech pathologist. As the student services coordinator, Santer oversaw three middle school and three high school resource rooms in a district with more than 14,200 students. Santer also dedicated her time implementing Essential Elements, an adaptive curriculum aligned with common core standards, at Livonia Public Schools and as a lead committee member at the Wayne County RESA. Santer served on several county committees and provided professional development for K-12 center programs and paraprofessionals.

"Beth brings depth of knowledge and experience, along with a commitment to partnering with students, families, staff and community to foster authentic and meaningful learning opportunities for all students," said Superintendent of Schools Mary Kay Gallagher. "We look forward to welcoming Beth to our Northville team, as we continue our journey to open a World of Possibilities for and with each of our students."

"I am excited to serve the students and families of the Northville Schools community and to move the district forward in continuing Northville Public Schools' tradition of excellence," said Santer. "I am honored to maintain the legacy and leadership set forth by Nadine Harris."

Elizabeth Santer

'Frozen' presented by Forever After Productions this weekend

Summer breezes may have finally blown away the winter storms in Michigan, but forecasts call for snow and ice in downtown Plymouth today through June 30.

Dozens of local children and teens will present six performances of the Broadway hit musical Frozen - or rather, a family-friendly, shorter version called Frozen, Jr.

Anna, Elsa, Olaf and the people of Arendelle will come to life with the help of more than 70 young performers from around the area, through Forever After Productions at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC).

Suitable for all ages, Frozen, Jr. is 70 minutes long with one intermission. It's based on the 2013 animated Disney movie and 2018 Broadway hit, with music and lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, and dialogue by Jennifer Lee. It includes songs and characters from the original movie as well as new ones developed for the Broadway show.

Ticket prices are $10 for each general admission seat. They're on sale now via www.iheartforeverafter.org or by calling Forever After Productions at (734) 547-5156. All shows are predicted to sell out so advance purchase is advised.

The young cast includes dozens of elementary, middle and high school students who have rehearsed since April for the performances.

"It's so exciting to bring a junior version of a show that's still playing on Broadway to our local audiences," said director Sarah Chapman of Canton. "We're one of the first in the metro Detroit area to perform it, and the cast has worked hard to prepare!"

The show has evening performances at 7 tonight, Friday, June 28 and Saturday, June 29, and matinees at 2 p.m. on June 29, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on June 30. All shows are at PARC, at 650 Church St. in downtown Plymouth, with free parking available behind the building off Adams St.

For more about Forever After Productions, visit www.iheartforeverafter.org, email foreverafftermail@gmail.com or follow on Instagram at @foreverafter_productions or Facebook at www.facebook.com/ForeverAfter.

Frozen Jr is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com.

Taking Comfort

A crowd of employees, service providers, clients and local officials helped Comfort Keepers in Plymouth celebrate 15 years of compassionate home care for local seniors and older adults during a special rededication and ribbon-cutting event recently. The business helps seniors and their families find specialized services and care in the community and marked the anniversary with a grand re-opening. Photo Jill Andra Young

Celebrate

Michigan Philharmonic concert set

Kick off patriotic week with the Michigan Philharmonic performing "An American Salute" in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 29. The orchestra, under the direction of Nan Washburn will perform a free concert to get the holiday started out on a high note.

The concert features music from the great Big Band era, followed up by a little Boogie, Woogie and tunes from the great Satchmo - Louis Armstrong including, St. Louis Blues and What a Wonderful World. A salute to veterans and a rousing finale of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture will delight audiences of all ages, a spokesman said..

The Michigan Philharmonic will also be drawing the winner of the annual cruise raffle at the concert intermission. This year, the prize is a 10-day, all-inclusive, Riverboat Cruise on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway from Detroit to Quebec. Tickets are $50 and only 400 will be sold. Contact the Michigan Philharmonic at (734) 451-2112 to purchase tickets.

To subscribe to The Eagle call 734-467-1900.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP WATER QUALITY REPORT

Plymouth Township's Annual Water Quality Report is now available. The report describes the source and quality of your drinking water.

The annual report has been required by law since the U.S. Congress passed the 1996 Safe Drinking Act Amendments.

Most of the Detroit metro area, including Plymouth Township, receives its drinking water from the Detroit River. The Great Lakes Water Authority (formerly Detroit Water and Sewerage Department) operates the water treatment facilities and pumping stations that supply water to the Township, which operates the pipeline infrastructure and acts as the retailer to area businesses and residents.

The report is available at http://www.plymouthtwp.org/Notices/PublicNotices/2018WaterQualityReport.pdf To receive a paper copy in the mail, please contact us at (734) 354-3270 x 3. You may also pick up a paper copy at the Clerk's Office or Division of Public Services at Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 11, 2019 for the following:

FIRE STATION 1 - FLOOR COATING INSTALLATION

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
Notice of a Public Hearing
July 15, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2019 for the purpose of considering the following:

- PDA-2019-001; **Highlands of Romulus**, units No. 3, 20, 21, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 183, 184, 185, 186, 190, 211, 212, 213, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219 and 220, of the Highland Estates Subdivision, requesting an amendment to the Planned Development Agreement (PDA) to allow for the construction of housing units without basements.

- RZ-2016-001; **M & M Express Trucking** located at 27732 Ecorse (Parcel ID #80-045-99-0008-009) requesting an amendment to the Conditional Zoning Agreement.

The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

A copy of the proposed requests are available in the Planning Department during regular business hours - Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Questions may be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Department of Public Services, 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485 or at 734-955-4530.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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LEGAL NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
2019 SUMMER TAXES

Summer taxes are due July 1, 2019 and payable through September 14, 2019 without penalty. Make all checks payable to: CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH. Payments may be made in person at Township Hall during regular working hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's Office, or on-line. Payments can also be placed in the 24-hour white drop box located along the circular drive.

AVAILABILITY OF SUMMER TAX DEFERMENT

MCL 211.51 provides for the deferral of property tax payments on the principal residence of **qualified individuals**, without penalty or interest, until February 14, 2020.

Qualified individuals are identified as people having:

A gross household income for the preceding calendar year that did not exceed $40,000 and who also meet at least one of the following criteria:

62 years of age or older, including the unmarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death; or

A paraplegic or quadriplegic; or

An eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, or their eligible widow or widower; or,

A blind person; or

A totally and permanently disabled person

Persons applying for a deferral must certify that they qualify for the deferment on a form that is available through the Treasurer's Office or on the website at www.plymouthtwp.org. That form must be completed each year to have the taxes deferred without penalty in any given year and it must be filed with the treasurer's office NO LATER THAN September 14, 2019 to receive the deferral.

Mark Clinton, Treasurer
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Wayne - Westland

Area mourns death of 'Wild' Bill Copland

The Wayne community is in mourning following the death of well-known city resident "Wild" Bill Copland last week.

Mr. Copland, 81, died June 18. He was an extremely active member of the community and was named as a Diamond of the Community in 2011 and honored with the James Poplin Award from the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department in 2009. He was very active with the Wayne Rotary Club where he had been a member since 1987 and participated in the club Christmas Parade, the picnics in the park the dictionaries for third-grade student program and the warm coats effort of the organization.

He was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the club four times citing his extraordinary charitable efforts in the community.

Mr. Copland was also a long-time Wayne Street board member and tributes to his good works and charity came from every facet of the city with residents and officials praising his championship of the city and his charitable work.

Mr. Copland as a long-time member of St. John's Episcopal Church where he was a member of the Men's Club.

He was born in 1938 in Detroit, the son of the late William and Margaret Copland and was the beloved husband of Sharron Copland.

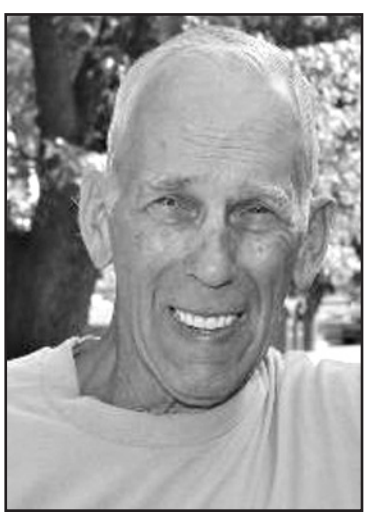
Among his survivors are his son, William Copland; his daughter, Linda; sisters, Jony, Kathy and Susie; brothers, Robert, Butch, John and David; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Copland was preceded in death by a son, Darrell Copland and a sister, Barbara.

Visitation is set for 10 until 11 a.m. Saturday, June 29 at Uht Funeral Home 35400 Glenwood Road in Westland.

A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland, with the Rev. Tom Williams officiating at the special services.

Cremation rites were accorded.



'Wild' Bill Copland

Former Wayne priest facing abuse allegations

The former priest at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne has been restricted from all public ministry following allegations that he sexually abused a minor, according to the Archdiocese of Detroit.

The Rev. Joseph H. Baker, 57, who served in Wayne from 1997 until 2008, is accused of sexually abusing a child during the early years of his ministry. While serving in Wayne, Baker was also an administrator at SS Kevin and Norbert Parish in Inkster from 2003-2004 and Holy Family Parish in Inkster from 2003 until 2008.

His latest assignment was at St. Perpetura Parish in Waterford Township. Archdiocese officials said that Baker, now 57, is not allowed to represent himself as a priest, wear clerical attire or exercise any form of church ministry while restricted. Baker will be monitored to make sure he's complying with the restrictions, officials with the archdiocese said.

Baker studied at Michigan Technological University and Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. He was ordained in 1993. In addition to Wayne and Inkster, he served as an associate pastor in Bloomfield Hills and in Dearborn. He also served as the campus minister at the Wayne State Medical School from 1996 until 1997.

Westland reappoints 2 to volunteer positions

Members of the Westland City Council approved reappointments to both the planning commission and library board at their meeting last week.

Sam Durante was reappointed to the Westland Planning Commission for a three year term, expiring on July 7, 2022 while James Higgins was reappointed to the library board for a five-year ter,m expiring June 24, 2024.

Durante has lived in Westland for more than 20 years and has served on the Westland Planning Commission since 2010. He retired from Terminex as a sales associate 12 years ago and also served as Director of Environmental Services at Sinai Hospital.

Higgins has a business background in management and finance and was first appointed to the library board in August of 2017. He was elected by the board to serve as chair and worked on the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Westland Library Union SEIU Local 517M which was reached on March 4, 2019.

Both reappointments were approved at the June 17 meeting of the Westland City Council.

"Sam and James have served the community with a great deal of professionalism and dedication on their respective boards," commented Mayor William R. Wild, who proposed the reappointments. "I am pleased to re-appoint them and appreciate their continued service to the community."

As a member of the planning commission, Durante will be a member of the nine-member board. Members, who must reside, work or have ownership interest in property in the City of Westland, review and recommend all applications for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance or zoning map, applications for special land uses, site plan approvals and planned unit developments.

The Library Board is a five-member board appointed by the mayor and subject to confirmation of the City Council. Board members, who must reside in the City of Westland, oversee the library director and the operations of the William P. Faust Public Library.

Schools

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School Athletic Director Greg Ambrose apparently prompted the community outpouring, noted Cox.

"The board would be remiss if we did not look into the allegations made by the public and we can't look into this while the person is still in an administrative role," said Cox. Following the vote on Thursday, he said the suspension will actually protect Holt while the investigation of the improprieties is under way.

Cox said it was an emotional meeting and that the subject under discussion was "difficult" but that he understood the intent of the speakers.

"This district belongs to the citizens," Cox said. "These people have a relationship with the administrators at their various schools. They want to be involved, and when they feel they are not being listened to, they come to us," he said. "It is impressive to see this many parents who are willing to be involved in the education of their children."

"These students were so articulate and well spoken and frankly, I am proud of their involvement."

One student who spoke at the special meeting reminded the audience that the students who spoke all kept to the allotted 3-minute time limit and were respectful with their comments. "The students have behaved better than the adults," he said.

In the letter of resignation addressed to the board members, Ambrose, first requesting whistleblower protection, detailed multiple acts of "retaliation" by Holt against specific district administrators. He claims 24 current district administrators and 20 who have left the district all agree with his allegations against Holt. In the letter, he repeatedly suggests that the 20 administrators who have left the district did so due to the conduct of Holt, whom he accuses of intimidation and retribution and claims that she has instituted a "fear-based culture" throughout the district.

Holt's attorney wrote a letter to Cox prior to the meeting responding to the public comments and Ambrose's claims. "To my knowledge there has been no formal complaint filed against Dr. Holt in her two years at the district and this letter should not arise to the level of formal complaint without additional support for the allegations contained therein," Adams said in his letter.

In a formal statement following the vote, Cox said, "The action to place the superintendent on administrative leave while an investigation is conducted is not disciplinary, nor does it represent any accusation of wrongdoing. It is a necessary procedural process required to determine the validity or lack of validity of these allegations."

During the regular meeting last week, parents and students spoke to the board members for more than 90 minutes, demanding action regarding recent personnel transfers and other actions of Holt, characterized as self-serving and retaliatory against those who might disagree with her personal agenda. Parents and students were uniformly critical of several building administrator reassignments which they claimed were detrimental to the overall atmosphere in respective school buildings.

Many of the same individuals spoke at the special meeting, while about an equal number spoke in favor of Holt, claiming there was no basis for an investigation.

Ambrose claimed that Holt has directed the outcome of employee evaluations to facilitate termination or transfer of administrators. He further alleges that she has placed building administrators with similar experience on different steps of the salary scale and suggested an investigation of both the building and central office administration staff. He claims at least one violation of Title IX guidelines due to constant inattention and failure to respond by Holt. He also cited her failure to attend multiple district events including leaving the Wayne Memorial High School graduation ceremony early. Ambrose cited instances when Holt described the district as "too white" and cited racially-charged comments she allegedly made at a bond meeting which took place at a church. He suggested she hires "friends and community members" who are "not the best candidates" and suggested the board investigate recent job candidate interviews and subsequent hires. Ambrose also claims that central office salaries have increased by 44 percent since Holt was hired and questions her receiving a "bonus".

He further alleged favoritism for employees who demonstrate support for Holt and unfair discipline and intimidation for those who might question her decisions.

"We as a board are responding to concerns of the public," Cox said, "That is our responsibility."

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Canton - Inkster

Message in a bottle discovered after 45 years

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

A bit of her past has Canton Township resident Tina Allera looking forward to the future.

When she was 11, Allera sealed a message in a bottle which she then dropped into Lake Michigan from the Old Mission Peninsula in northern Lower Michigan. Some 45 years later, construction worker Eric Amon found it and contacted her.

Tina Allera

"He was working on a job when he found the bottle," Allera explained. As a girl she had melted crayons to use to seal the bottle and protect her message from the Lake Michigan environs. It stayed sealed for nearly 45 years as Amon found it in the side of a hill being excavated for the construction of a new home.

"We were hoping a pirate or mermaid would find it. I was 11, I had high hopes," said Allera with a chuckle.

Amon sent Allera a Facebook message more than four years ago about his find. While her outdated phone kept that message, she never saw it.

"The next thing you know I got a new phone and this message popped up. Good thing I got a new phone," Allera said.

She will be traveling to Traverse City soon to meet with Amon and discuss the finding of her message on a local radio station in the area. "I still have a lot of family in Traverse City and on the (Old Mission) Peninsula," she said.

"It really is going to be fun. My mom is really excited."

Allera's close friend Lisa LiGreci of Plymouth will be traveling to Traverse City, too, to talk about what transpired with her friend's long-lost message. The two met when their children were at Allen Elementary in the Plymouth Canton schools.

Allera, 56, grew up in Westland and is a 1981 Westland John Glenn High School graduate. Of the bottle message, which in part reads, "please write and tell me were and when you found this," she said, "I actually had forgotten about it."

Allera, who was then Tina Green, said she does remember fantasizing about her message as a child.

"I could just picture it coming back with stamps, going all over the world."

Her grandparents "always made sure we had something fun to do. We both have great memories of the cottage" she said of her brother, David and herself.

Amons' cat broke the bottle which contained the 1974 message, but Allera is philosophical about it.

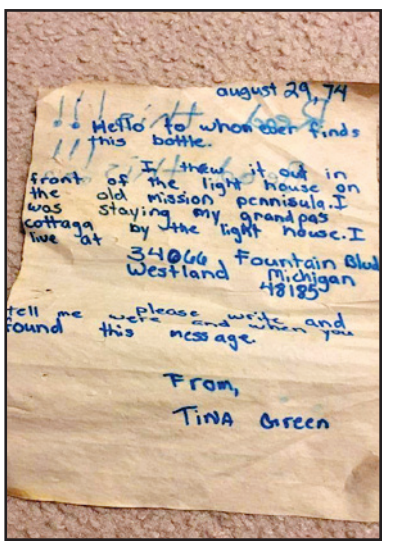
"That's all right," she said, "It will still be fun."

Allera worked over the years in area schools, married husband, Chuck, and is mom to Dan and Emily, both grown.

The grandparents' cottage and the lighthouse on Old Mission Peninsula are good memories, she said.

She said that today, her message would be a great deal different. A year and a half ago, she received a breast cancer diagnosis. A lumpectomy surgery was used along with radiation and chemotherapy.

"I'm feeling great and doing awesome," she said from her family's Grand Marais up north home. "It was kind of a bummer last year. Everybody was there for me. Tons of support."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Tina Green

"My message would be, 'Get a mammogram'" Allera said.

"He (Amon) said they were all so excited when they found the bottled message. I bet they were disappointed it wasn't a secret fortune," LiGreci said.

Inkster man guides Navy careers

U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Michael Clanton spends his days helping other sailors choose their career paths in his job as a career counselor serving at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas.

A 2001 Romulus High School graduate and native of Inkster, Clanton is also 2018 Post University graduate with a bachelor's of science and business administration degree.

A Navy career counselor is a human resources director responsible for sailors' careers that includes changing jobs, applying for naval officer programs, retirements and retentions.

Clanton credits success in the Navy to many of the lessons learned growing up in Inkster.

"This is where my work ethic originated from and I learned to have tough skin and defy the odds," Clanton said.

The flight training program is approximately 18 months, due to the increased complexity of current aircraft. Training Air Wing FOUR produces approximately 600 newly qualified aviators each year.

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community and career, Clanton is most proud of his mentee being selected for the rank of chief petty officer.

"I'm very unselfish, it's never been about me and I get more pleasure and excitement seeing people excel and succeed," Clanton said.

Clanton is the first of his family to serve in the military but is now starting a family tradition.

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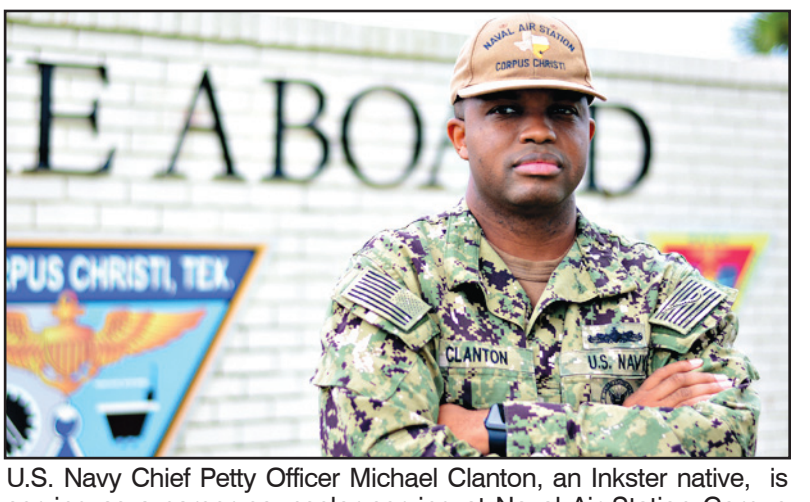

U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Michael Clanton, an Inkster native, is serving as a career counselor serving at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas.

"Being in the Navy means service and sacrifice and personally, it's honorable, because it's something you don't do for money and I did it to serve for a higher purpose and cause," Clanton said. "I knew I was going to join since the age of 7."

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Calendar of events

Picnic registration deadline near

Registration for the Inkster Commission on Aging Annual Picnic closes tomorrow, June 28.

The picnic will take place from 11:30 until 2:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2 at Wheatley Park in the city. The park is located at the intersection of Penn and Beech Daly Road.

Call (313) 561-2382 to register for the event which will include a cake walk, bingo, a t-shirt for all registered participants along with a boxed lunch, games and fellowship.

For more information, call the number listed above.

Police to show movie

Movie Night and the Inkster Police Department is set for 8:30 p.m. tomorrow, June 28.

The free event includes fresh popcorn, hot dogs and other refreshments. The movie is shown outside at the police department parking lot, so visitors should dress for the weather and bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

The Inkster Police Department is located at 26279 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

Library hosts family movie

The William P. Faust Public Library is hosting a Family Movie Matinee at 1 p.m. tomorrow, June 28. The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway.

No registration is required. Movies are rated G or PG and run approximately 90 minutes. Light refreshments will be served. Children under 8 must have an adult present. Call the Youth Reference Desk at (734) 326-6123 for more information.

Wellness Walk and Talk set

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will host a Wellness Walk and Talk from 10-11 a.m. tomorrow, June 28.

The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway.

The free program offers health and wellness topics of interest from Beaumont health professionals, and then offers a question and answer session during a 30-minute walk with the speaker. Wellness Walk and Talk provides walkers of all ages and abilities the opportunity to walk in a safe, appealing social environment while gaining useful health-related information.

Light refreshments will be provided. Pre-registration is appreciated. Visit www.westland.lib.mi.us for more information or call (734) 326-6123 to register.

Annual Flea Market planned

The Romulus Historical Society will host the Annual Flea market from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday June 29 at Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt St. in Romulus.

Vendors should furnish their own tables.

There will be a wide variety of items for sale.

For more information or to sign up as a vendor, contact Cathy Morse (734) 941-6361.

Church offers summer camp

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Belleville will offer Stand Up Summer Camp from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursdays July 1 through Aug. 1. The camp, designed for children in first through sixth grades will offer art, music and writing. The cost is $15 per week or $60 for the summer per child. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Older youth can volunteer as junior leaders, according to organizers, and adult volunteers are needed.

Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information or registration, call (734)740-4230.

Drum-A-Thon benefits First Step

Core Nutrition and Fitness is sponsoring a Drum-A-Thon beginning at 4 p.m. June 29.

For $20, participants can drum for 2-hours with half the fee going to benefit First Step to provide support for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Core is located at 7341 North Llley Road in Canton.

For more information, call (734) 228-6905.

Community Band plays in park

The Plymouth Community Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 4, in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Band members will present a medley as part of their longstanding tradition of free summertime concerts in downtown Plymouth.

The Plymouth Community Band, under the direction of Carl Battishill, will also perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 27 and July 18 and 25. There is no Community Band concert for July 11 due to Art in the Park.

Blues to play at The Elks

Blues at The Elks takes place from 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluessociety.org). There is a $5 donation at the door and dancing is allowed.

The Kenny Parker Band with legendary Kenny Parker and Jim McCarty, both award winning musicians, will perform July 9. This popular band includes Parker and McCarty on guitar, Mike Marshall on bass, Dan Devins on harmonica and vocals, and Dave Marcaccio on drums.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth MI.

For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Northville Garden Walk planned

The Northville Garden Walk, sponsored by The Country Garden Club of Northville, a branch of the Women's National Farm & Garden Association, will take place from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. July 10.

The tour highlights private gardens to inspire novice and master gardeners alike with a focus on "The benefits of Native Plants in the garden". The tour will be staged in the downtown Northville Square, 150 E. Main St., across from the clock. Visitors can enjoy live music by the Silver Strings Dulcimers and shop for unique gifts from Garden Artisans booths in the Square. Tickets are $12 in advance available beginning June 10 at Gardenviews, 117 E. Main St. or by mail order at http://www.cgcnv.org. Day of event tickets are priced $15.

Cabooses to be topic

Railroad cabooses will be the topic at the 7 p.m. July 11 meeting at the Wayne Historical Society with guest speaker Anthony Rzucidlo, president and CEO of the Michigan Railroad Club. He will provide an overview of the history of cabooses, why they were developed in the 1840s, who rode in them and present-day utilization of cabooses.

The meeting will take place at the museum at 1` Town Square in Wayne at the corner of Main and Biddle.

Library to sell used books

The Romulus Public Library will host a Used Book Sale July 11 through 13 during regular library hours.a

Proceeds will be used to support library programs and classes.

The library is open from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday; from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday and is closed Sundays.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

For more information, visit www.romuluslibrary.org.

Museum to host Family Day

The Wayne Historical Society will host the third annual Family Day at the museum from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. July 13. The museum will host live demonstrations, kids crafts and games, Touch-A-Truck, direct sales booths, the old engine club and others during the US12 cruise and the city sidewalk sales on the museum grounds at 1 Town Square in Wayne.

Laws

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fireworks on prohibited days or times were $500.

Each violation will now result in a civil infraction with a fine of $1,000

"With Independence Day around the corner, we would like to remind residents of the recent change to the fireworks ordinance," commented Wild, "It is our hope that residents will continue to appreciate the splendor that fireworks provide while being safe and considerate of their neighbors"

Canton Township, too, has a detailed ordinance regarding fireworks, which can be used the day of, or the day after a national holiday between 8 a.m. and midnight only. There is a $500 fine for not following the ordinance which include prohibitions as to the locations fireworks can be ignited. The ordinance prohibits the ignition or discharge of fireworks within 70 feet of any building, or on any public street during the times detailed in the state ordinance. In Canton, any pyrotechnic devices designed for professional use (which may be similar to consumer fireworks, but are larger) and display fireworks (large fireworks devices that are explosive materials intended for use in fireworks displays and designed to produce visible or audible effect) require a permit from the township.

Northville Township also has a local fireworks ordinance which, like Canton, allows fireworks only the day before, the day of or the day after a major holiday between 8 a.m. and midnight while the City of Northville recently adopted a change to the local ordinance which reduces the number of days and limits the times that fireworks can be set off by individuals around major holidays. The ordinance allows fireworks to be set off only from 11 a.m. until 11:45 p.m. from June 29 to July 4 and from 11 a.m. until 11:45 p.m. on Friday, July 5. Fines for violations have been increased to $1,000.

Law enforcement officials find summer use of fireworks a challenge, too.

The local ordinance in the City of Belleville is more inclusive, allowing fireworks in the city between midnight and 8 a.m. the day of, before and after a national holiday. The more restrictive state laws, however, could still be imposed in the community.

The City of Romulus ordinance code for fireworks is in accordance with the state laws.

State Fire Marshal Kevin Sehlmeyer said fireworks are explosives and their misuse can result in irreparable injury or death.

"Potential for carbon monoxide poisoning and accidents is a concern in a lot of summer activities, including fireworks, camping and backyard grilling," said Sehlmeyer. "Remember to keep the kids away from the fireworks, and always keep a fire extinguisher or bucket of water handy when lighting fireworks."

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